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SUBJECT:RESPONSE TO ROMANIAN REPORT ON CEAUSESCU'S ASIA
TRIP

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1. AMBASSADOR SHOULD CONVEY THROUGH ROMANIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER ANDREI THE PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION FOR THE
RICH AND DETAILED ACCOUNT OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S ASIA
TRIP. THE ROMANIAN REPORT WAS UNUSUAL IN ITS COMPRE-
HENSIVENESS, AND IT WAS BOTH INTERESTING AND USEFUL. AS
REQUESTED, IT IS BEING CLOSELY HELD.

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2. CHINA. AMBASSADOR MAY SHARE WITH ANDREI FOLLOWING
OUTLINE OF DR. BRZEZINSKI'S RECENT VISIT TO THE PRC.
(FYI - A SIMILAR ACCOUNT HAS BEEN SHARED WITH YUGOSLAV
OFFICIALS.) AT THE SAME TIME, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE
LATEST INFORMATION FROM ANDREI ON PREPARATIONS FOR
HUA KUO-FENG'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST.

3. THE FUNCTION OF DR. BRZEZINSKI'S TRIP WAS NOT TO NEGOTIATE BILATERAL ISSUES BUT RATHER TO REVIEW GLO0AL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. HE TRIED TO STRESS TO CHINESE THAT U.S. INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WAS NOT BASED UPON TACTICAL CONSIDERATION BUT RATHER ON RECOGNITION OF

LONG-TERM INTERESTS. CHINESE CONCERNS WITH THE SOVIET UNION PERVADED THE DISCUSSIONS, ALONG WITH THEIR INTEREST IN LONG-TERM COOPERATION WITH WEST, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AREAS. CHINESE WERE CONCERNED BY DEGREE OF INTERNAL INSTABILITY IN EUROPE AND BY SOVIET DESIGNS IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. A PARTICULAR CHINESE CONCERN WAS AFGHANISTAN AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF SOVIET INFLUENCE FOR PAKISTAN AND POSSIBLY IRAN AND INDIA. CHINESE WERE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT INTENTIONS OF VIET-NAM BACKED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

4. CHINESE STATEMENTS REGARDING ASIAN COUNTRIES PARALLELED THEIR PUBLIC POSTURE. ONLY ON KOREA WAS THERE A SHARP DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS BETWEEN US. THE CHINESE STATED THEIR POSITION IN TERMS VERY SIMILAR TO THEIR RECENT PUBLIC COMMENTS, WHILE WE EXPLAINED OUR DETERMINATION TO ASSURE THE SECURITY OF THE ROK AND A FULL ROLE FOR IT IN ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. THE
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CHINESE EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN A PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH JAPAN BUT REITERATED THEIR VIEW THAT RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTE THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF JAPAN'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

5. FULL NORMALIZATION OF US-PRC RELATIONS WAS DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, THE TALKS WERE NOT INTENDED AS A NEGOTIATING FORUM, AND NO AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED. WE EXPECT DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE IN HOPES OF ACHIEVING THE ADMINISTRATION'S CONSISTENTLY STATED GOAL.

6. CHAIRMAN HUA DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SPEAKING FOR HOUR-AND-QUARTER WITHOUT NOTES ON WORLD AFFAIRS AND SHOWING HE WAS EXTREMELY WELL INFORMED. TENG HSIAO-PING WAS QUICK, INFORMAL, PREOCCUPIED WITH SOVIETS AND INTERESTED IN TIES WITH WEST AND ACQUISITION OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY.

7. KOREA.FYI.IT APPEARS THAT ON KOREA, THE ROMANIANS, RATHER THAN TAKING A NEUTRAL POSITION, ARE LARGELY SEEKING TO ADVANCE NORTH KOREAN POSITION. FOR THAT REASON

WE SEE LITTLE TO BE GAINED FROM ENTERING INTO A DETAILED
DIALOGUE WITH THEM ON THIS SUBJECT. (END FYI) YOU MAY,
HOWEVER, REMIND ANDREI THAT A FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF OUR
POLICY IS TO FOSTER A DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH
KOREA. YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT, IF THE GOR IS INTERESTED
IN PROMOTING IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH
KOREA, IT MAY WISH TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN THROUGH
DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS IT

ALREADY DOES WITH THE DPRK. WE BELIEVE THAT SOUTH
KOREA WOULD TREAT SUCH CONTACTS WITH DISCRETION AND
CONSIDER SERIOUSLY ANY VIEWS ROMANIANS MIGHT EXPRESS.

8. VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS. WE FOUND THE ROMANIAN
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OBSERVATIONS INTERESTING AND USEFUL BUT HAVE NO
SPECIFIC COMMENT. VANCE

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